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MEETING OF THE

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE TIME

Thursday, June 6, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee *June 2013*

Members

Representing

Chair*	1. Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	Duarte	District 35
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	3. Hon. Sam Allevato	San Juan Capistrano	OCCOG
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	5. Hon. Don Campbell	Brawley	ICTC
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	9. Hon. Debbie Franklin	Banning	WRCOG
	10. Hon. Chris Garcia	Cudahy	GCCOG
	11. Hon. Ron Garcia	Brea	OCCOG
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	13. Hon. Joseph J. Gonzales	South El Monte	SGVCOG
	14. Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre	Barstow	SANBAG
	15. Hon. Tom Hansen	Paramount	GCCOG
*	16. Hon. Jon Harrison	Redlands	District 6
*	17. Hon. Steven Hofbauer	Palmdale	District 43
*	18. Hon. Paula Lantz	Pomona	District 38
	19. Hon. Charles Martin		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
*	20. Hon. Larry McCallon	Highland	District 7
*	21. Hon. Kathryn McCullough	Lake Forest	District 13
	22. Hon. Susan McSweeney	Westlake Village	LVMCOG
*	23. Hon. Carl Morehouse	Ventura	District 47
	24. Hon. Gene Murabito	Glendora	SGVCOG
	25. Hon. Ray Musser	Upland	SANBAG
*	26. Hon. John Nielsen	Tustin	District 17



Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
June 2013

Members

Representing

27. Hon. Laura Olhasso	La Cañada/Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
28. Hon. Edward Paget	Needles	SANBAG
29. Hon. John Palinkas		Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
30. Hon. R. Rex Parris	Lancaster	North Los Angeles County
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* 32. Hon. Ed P. Reyes	Los Angeles	District 48
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35. Hon. Becky Shevlin	Monrovia	SGVCOG
36. Hon. Michael Wilson	Indio	CVAG

*Regional Council Member

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA JUNE 6, 2013

The Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Time **Page No.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

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| 1. <u>Minutes of the April 4, 2013 Meeting</u> | Attachment | 1 |
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ACTION ITEM

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| 2. <u>Bottom-up Local Input Process for 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and Growth Forecast Development</u>
<i>(Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use & Environmental Planning)</i> | Attachment | 20 mins. | 7 |
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Recommended Actions: 1) Recommend Regional Council's approval that jurisdictions' City Manager, County Administrator, Subregional Executive Director (in the case where a subregional organization is submitting the input on behalf of its member jurisdictions), or their respective designee, provide approval on growth forecast and land use data utilizing the Data Verification and Approval Form; and 2) Recommend Regional Council's approval that local jurisdictions are strongly encouraged to adopt a formal resolution designating a staff position, or their designee, to approve and submit to SCAG the local jurisdiction's input on the growth forecast and land use data for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. It is preferred that the designated position be a City Manager, County Administrator, or a Subregional Executive Director. The resolution will be submitted to SCAG along with the Data Verification and Approval Form. A sample resolution is provided.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA JUNE 6, 2013

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 3. <u>Department of Finance's (DOF) New Population Estimates and Implications for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy RTP/SCS Growth Forecast</u>
<i>(Simon Choi, SCAG Staff)</i> | Attachment | 10 mins | 12 |
| 4. <u>Sustainability Program Call for Proposals Update</u>
<i>(Peter Brandenburg, SCAG Staff)</i> | Attachment | 5 mins. | 20 |
| 5. <u>Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) Program and the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Program from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)</u>
<i>(Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Staff)</i> | Attachment | 10 mins. | 21 |
| 6. <u>Input Received From County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) on their Open Space Conservation Activities</u>
<i>(Christine Fernandez, SCAG Staff)</i> | Attachment | 5 mins. | 25 |

CHAIR'S REPORT

(Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, Chair)

STAFF REPORT

(Frank Wen, SCAG Staff)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

ADJOURNMENT

The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) will be dark in July. The next CEHD Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**April 4, 2013
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles office.

Members Present

Hon. Don Campbell, Brawley	ICTC
Hon. Carol Chen, Cerritos	GCCOG
Hon. Steven Choi, City of Irvine	District 14
Hon. Rose Espinoza, City of La Habra	OCCOG
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte (Vice-Chair)	District 35
Hon. Debbie Franklin, Banning	WRCOG
Hon. Ron Garcia, Brea	OCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Joseph Gonzales, South El Monte	SGVCOG
Hon. Tom Hansen, City of Paramount	GCCOG
Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona (Chair)	District 38
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines, Bellflower	GCCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia	SGVCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Sam Allevato, City of San Juan Capistrano	OCCOG
Hon. James Butts, Inglewood	SBCCOG
Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands	District 6
Hon. Mike Leonard, Hesperia	SANBAG
Hon. Charles Martin	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest	District 13
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47

Members Not Present (Cont'd)

Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora	SGVCOG
Hon. Laura Olhasso, La Canada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Barstow	SANBAG
Hon. Susan McSweeney, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. John A. Mirisch, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Ray Musser, Upland	SANBAG
Hon. John Nielsen, Tustin	District 17
Hon. John Palinkas	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
Hon. Rex Parris, Lancaster	North Los Angeles County
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Andy Quach, Westminster	District 20
Hon. Bob Ring, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio	CVAG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Paula Lantz, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 AM. Hon. Bill Jahn led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, stated that an advance call for nominations was made several weeks ago. There was one (1) nomination received for the Chair position, Margaret Finlay; and one (1) nomination received for the Vice-Chair position, Paula Lantz. Paper ballots were distributed indicating the names of the two (2) candidates for consideration.

Hon. Larry McCallon announced that he would like to make a nomination from the floor, and nominated Hon. Bill Jahn for the Vice-Chair position.

Hon. Steven Choi requested that the candidates introduce themselves and make a brief statement regarding their candidacy. After the candidates spoke, Ms. Africa instructed the members to use their paper ballots and if they wish to vote for Hon Bill Jahn as Vice-Chair, to write in his name.

Having received the final tally, the Chair announced that Margaret Finlay will serve as the new Chair of CEHD, and the Hon. Bill Jahn will serve as the new Vice-Chair of CEHD. The Chair congratulated them both.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Glen Becerra thanked the CEHD members for their support and dedication during his presidency. President Becerra also expressed his appreciation to the Chair and Vice-Chair for their leadership during the past year.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the March 7, 2013 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Jahn) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Franklin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

ACTION ITEM/DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Sustainability Subcommittee Recommendations

Hon. Kris Murray, representing District 19 and Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Subcommittee, provided an overview of the Subcommittee's recommendations. Hon. Murray stated that during the six-month process, the focus was to engage stakeholders, regional agencies, and SCAG member agencies on the new requirement for SCAG to have a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Hon. Murray stated that she looks forward to further input as the dialogue continues.

Hon. Larry McCallon suggested that the recommended action to the Regional Council be revised to read, "Review and recommend Regional Council approval of the Sustainability Subcommittee recommendations as preliminary, recognizing these are starting points subject to further input through an open process during the development of the RTP/SCS over the next three (3) years, which will culminate in adoption of the final RTP in the spring of 2016."

With the revised recommended action, a MOTION was made (McCallon) to move this matter forward to the Regional Council for approval. The MOTION was SECONDED (Jahn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

INFORMATION ITEM

3. Update on the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool

Ping Chang, Land Use and Environmental Planning, provided an overview of the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool, which evaluates the combined impacts of pollution on communities. Mr. Chang stated that the tool is intended to be used by Cal/EPA to comply with statutory mandates related to environmental justice and identify impacted communities for investment opportunities pursuant to Senate Bill 535. Mr. Chang noted that the tool compares the relative measure of impact, but is not an absolute measure. Mr. Chang stated that Cal/EPA recognizes that using zip codes is not the perfect geographic unit so they have committed to adjusting this to a census tract by the end of the year. Mr.

Chang further stated that in terms of outreach, Cal/EPA has conducted fourteen (14) public workshops, two (2) of which were co-hosted by SCAG. Cal/EPA anticipates the release of the final version of the screening tool by April 2013.

Hon. Paula Lantz suggested that it would have been helpful to have the tool available and some of its features included in the presentation.

4. Summary Report from Subcommittees

A written report was provided.

5. Update/Presentation on Administration Draft Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, stated that Cynthia Marvin, Division Chief, California Air Resources Board (CARB), will be providing an update today on the Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) and to the Regional Council (RC). Mr. Chidsey encouraged the members to stay for the presentation. Mr. Chidsey noted that the Cap-and-Trade Auction Plan was first introduced for review in February 2013 and implements AB 32 as part of the Cap-and-Trade program to define how certain funds that were generated through the selling of auction proceeds would be disbursed. Mr. Chidsey stated that there is a particular interest among certain groups that a greater portion of these funds go toward affordable housing. Ms. Marvin's presentation will address how this money will be spent over a 3-year period.

6. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program Presentation

Barbara Spoonhour, Director of Energy and Environmental Programs with WRCOG, provided an overview of the Hero Program, which offers low interest loans to homeowners and businesses for energy improvements. Ms. Spoonhour stated that the loans are repaid through the owners' property taxes, and the owners generally see an increase in the value of their homes or businesses. The only stipulations are that the owner must have a clear title on their property, be current on their mortgage, and have at least 10% equity in their property. Ms. Spoonhour stated that the program also provides benefits to the jurisdictions by creating jobs, providing energy savings, and helping the environment by reducing GHG emissions.

There were several questions raised by members with respect to the criteria of the program. Hon. Larry McCallon reported that SANBAG has recently joined this program and he is looking forward to the implementation.

7. Estimated Time Spent by Local Jurisdictions to Participate in SCAG's Local Input Process for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Update

Dr. Simon Choi, Chief of Research & Forecasting, reported that at the February 7, 2013 meeting of the CEHD committee, staff was directed to survey local jurisdictions regarding the staff resources required to participate in the bottom-up process to review and provide input on SCAG's Integrated Growth Forecast and land use maps. Based upon the informal

survey undertaken by staff, it was found that local jurisdictions, depending upon its population, spent between one (1) day to fifteen (15) weeks to review and provide input related to SCAG's growth forecasts, SCS development, and RHNA process during the three-year period between 2009 and 2012.

Hon. Paula Lantz requested that a report be provided to the members with a compilation of the specific statistics obtained from the cities. Dr. Choi stated that such a report will be provided.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Paula Lantz encouraged CEHD members to register for the upcoming General Assembly on May 2-3, 2013 being held at the J.W. Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert. A registration table was set-up outside the Boardroom for those interested in registering.

STAFF REPORT

There was no report provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Deborah Robertson stated that she would speak with staff regarding a possible future agenda item, regarding SCAG potentially gathering data to assess a jurisdiction's value of assets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:37 AM.

Minutes Approved By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank Wen', is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Wen, Manager
Research & Analysis

Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Attendance Report

2013

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended = No Meeting NM = New Member EA = Excused Absence											
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Allevato, Sam	OCCOG			X															
Butts, James	SBCCOG		X																
Campbell, Don*	ICTC	X						X	X	X	X								
Chen, Carol	Gateway Cities		X						X	X	X								
Choi, Steven	City of Irvine (District 14)			X				NM	X	X	X								
Espinoza, Rose	OCCOG			X						NM	X								
Finlay, Margaret* (Vice-Chair)	Duarte (District 35)		X					X	X	X	X								
Franklin, Debbie	WRCOG				X				NM	X	X								
Garcia, Ron	OCCOG			X					X	X	X								
Gazeley, James*	Lomita (District 39)		X					X	X	X	X								
Gonzales, Joseph J.	SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X								
Hansen, Tom	Gateway Cities									NM	X								
Harrison, Jon	District 6					X				X									
Hofbauer, Steve	Palmdale (District 43)		X					X		X	X								
Jahn, Bill*	SANBAG (District 11)					X		X	X	X	X								
Lantz, Paula* Chair	Pomona (District 38)		X					X	X	X	X								
Leonard, Mike	SANBAG					X													
Martin, Charles	Morongo Indians				X														
McCallon, Larry*	Highland (District 7)					X			X	X	X								
McCullough, Kathryn*	OCCOG			X				X	X	X	EA								
Hackbarth-McIntyre, Julie	SANBAG																		
McSweeney, Susan	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG		X																
Minisch, John A.	WSCCOG		X																
Morehouse, Carl*	VCOG (District 47)						X	X	X	X									
Murabito, Gene*	SGVCOG		X							X									
Musser, Ray	SANBAG					X													
Nielsen, John*	Tustin (District 17)			X															
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo		X							X									
Palinkas, John	Pechanga Indians				X														
Parris, Rex	North L.A. County Subregion		X																
Perry, Jan	Los Angeles		X																
Quach, Andy*	Westminster (District 20)			X															
Reyes, Ed*	Los Angeles		X								X								
Ring, Bob	OCCOG			X				X	X	X									
Robertson, Deborah*	Rialto (District 8)					X		X	X	X	X								
Santa Ines, Sonny	GCCOG		X					NM		X	X								
Shevlin, Becky	SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X								
Wilson, Michael	CVAG	X							X										
Regional Council Member*																			

DATE: June 6, 2013

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)

FROM: Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, 213-236-1838,
liu@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Bottom-up Local Input Process for 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and Growth Forecast Development

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC and TC:

For Information Only – No Action Required.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR CEHD:

1. Recommend Regional Council's approval that jurisdictions' City Manager, County Administrator, Subregional Executive Director (in the case where a subregional organization is submitting the input on behalf of its member jurisdictions), or their respective designee provide approval on growth forecast and land use data utilizing the Data Verification and Approval Form (Attachment 1).
2. Recommend Regional Council's approval that local jurisdictions are strongly encouraged to adopt a formal resolution designating a staff position, or their designee, to approve and submit to SCAG the local jurisdiction's input on the growth forecast and land use data for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. It is preferred that the designated position be a City Manager, County Administrator, or a Subregional Executive Director. This resolution will be submitted to SCAG along with the Data Verification and Approval Form. A sample resolution is provided (Attachment 2).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG staff recommends a bottom up local input process again for the successful completion of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Based upon lessons learned from the 2012 RTP/SCS input process, it is necessary to clarify who speaks for the jurisdiction when submitting growth forecasting information. As a follow-up to the discussion by the CEHD Committee at its February 7, 2013 meeting, staff seeks direction and approval from the CEHD Committee as to a preferred protocol for communicating, approving, and submitting input from local jurisdictions to SCAG as it relates to land use and socioeconomic data for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. The deadline for submitting the data is September 30th, 2014.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG staff previously presented an overview of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS preliminary draft schedule (Attachment 3) including key milestones at the February 7, 2013 CEHD Committee meeting. At this

meeting, the CEHD Committee inquired about the anticipated input and review period; data and information to be reviewed by local jurisdictions; and expected approval process for local input.

The CEHD Committee directed staff to establish a formal protocol for communications between SCAG staff and local jurisdictions regarding the input and review process. Upon Regional Council approval of the local input approval protocol, SCAG staff will send a comprehensive letter to each jurisdiction outlining in detail the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS development process.

In order to ensure that this effort facilitates local jurisdictions' participation in the process, SCAG had extensive communication with our partners and stakeholders on this subject, including the Technical Working Group, subregional coordinators/executive directors, and subregional planning directors' technical advisory committees throughout the region. Also, a number of local jurisdictions were surveyed to gauge the amount of time and resources required to participate in the local input process. A key advisory point was that the process for providing verification and approval of SCAG's data be flexible enough to encourage a high level of participation. Requiring that local jurisdictions pass a resolution on their anticipated growth in population, household, and employment, for example, would prevent many jurisdictions from providing input to SCAG.

Staff's recommendation for the use of the Data Verification and Approval form facilitates flexibility in providing input to SCAG, and also makes clear that the information submitted is the official input from a given jurisdiction. The additional recommendation that cities and counties submit a resolution designating a staff position to provide input to SCAG gives an option that allows for increased accountability, as needed.

These two (2) options were developed to address lessons learned from the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and RHNA processes. It was observed previously that communication between a given local jurisdiction and SCAG could be interrupted due to local staffing changes, which sometimes resulted in confusion whether previously provided growth input was still valid. Also, local opinions about growth forecasts can sometimes be inconsistent across departments in a given jurisdiction. Designating a single staff position to have the role of providing input to SCAG can add clarity to the process, and ensures that information submitted to SCAG represents a local jurisdiction's official input.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Activities related to the 2016 RTP/SCS development are included in the SCAG budget under 13-010.SCG0170.01, 13-020.SCG1635.01, 13-055.SCG0133.025, and 13-070.SCG0130.10.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Data Verification and Approval Form
2. Sample Resolution
3. 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Preliminary Draft Schedule

Data Verification and Approval Form

Local Input and Review Process

2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Date: _____

A - Contact & Background Information

This Represents Communication:

From the Jurisdiction of _____ to SCAG

Jurisdiction Contact Person: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Background Information:☐ My Jurisdiction has enacted a resolution giving me the authority to verify and/or approve SCAG's data☐ I am my Jurisdiction's City Manager, County Chief Operating Officer, or Subregional Executive Director or their designee☐ None of the Above (I acknowledge that any verification and/or approval of SCAG's data will be considered official input from my Jurisdiction)**Background Information, if any, based upon Previous Communication:** _____

B - Action Items

We are seeking to (please check the appropriate boxes):**Submit to SCAG:**☐ Verification of Accuracy of SCAG's Land Use Data☐ Official Approval of SCAG's Demographic Data☐ Other (Please Specify): _____

C - Data Type

With Relation to SCAG's:**Land Use Data:**☐ General Plan Land Use☐ Existing Land Use (2012)☐ Zoning☐ Jurisdictional Boundary☐ Sphere of Influence☐ Farmland☐ Flood Areas☐ Endangered Species☐ Transit Priority Areas☐ Open Space Conservation Plans☐ Other (Please Specify): _____**Demographic Data:**☐ Population☐ Households☐ Employment**Year:**☐ 2012☐ 2020☐ 2035☐ 2040**Geographic Level:**☐ Jurisdictional Level☐ Other Geographic Level (Please Specify): _____

D - Description of Action Items

Comments (if applicable): _____**Verification of SCAG's Land Use Data (if applicable):**☐ We have reviewed SCAG's Land Use Data and verify its accuracy☐ We cannot verify the accuracy of the data at this time and would like to suggest the revisions described aboveX _____
Signature (to be executed by City Manager, County Chief
Administrator or Authorized Representative)**Official Approval of SCAG's Jurisdictional Level Demographic Data (if applicable):**☐ We have reviewed SCAG's Jurisdictional Level Demographic Data and can provide official approval☐ We cannot provide official approval at this time, and would like to suggest the jurisdictional-level figures listed below

	2012	2020	2035	2040
Population				
Households				
Employment				

X _____
Signature (to be executed by City Manager, County Chief
Administrator or Authorized Representative)

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RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE (NAME OF LOCAL
JURISDICTION OR SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATION)
DESIGNATING (TITLE OF STAFF POSITION)
TO SUBMIT LOCAL GROWTH FORECASTS TO THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. 5303 et seq. for six (6) counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial; and

WHEREAS, as the MPO, SCAG is engaged in the Local Input process for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions or subregional organization within the SCAG region are requested to review, comment and verify the maps, data, growth forecast information and land use information transmitted by SCAG by September 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, (Name of Local Jurisdiction or Subregional Organization) has reviewed the maps, data, growth forecast information and land use information transmitted by SCAG, and is prepared to submit its input to SCAG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the (Name of Governing Body) of the (Name of Local Jurisdiction or Subregional Organization) that it hereby designates (Name of designated staff position) or its designee to approve and submit to SCAG the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS local land use and growth forecasts of jurisdictional level population, household and employment for 2012, 2020, 2035, and 2040. [If resolution is from a Subregional Organization, please list the name(s) of the jurisdiction(s) to which the Subregional Organization is submitting the local input information.]

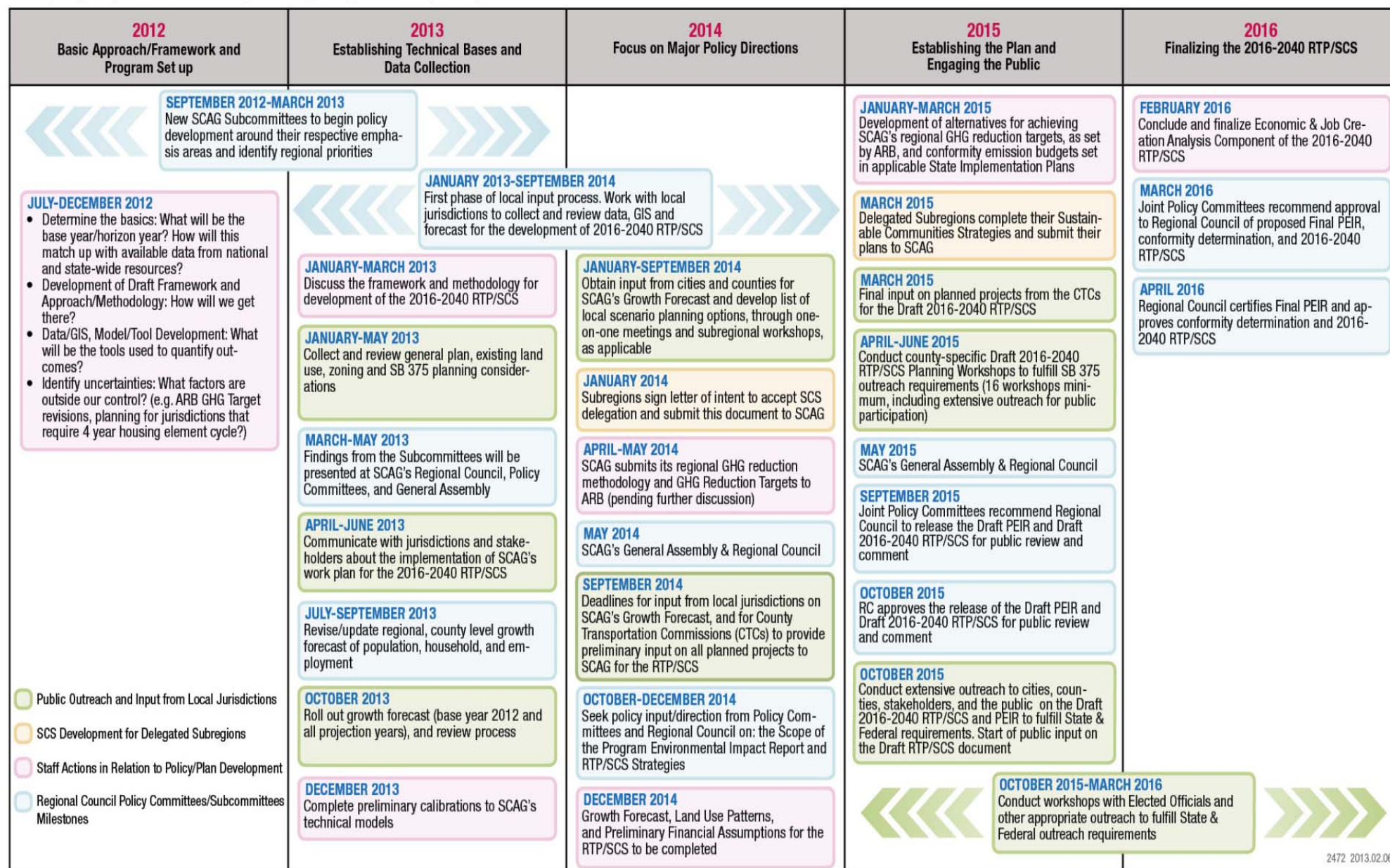
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by or before September 30, 2014.

Authorized Representative
of Local Jurisdiction or
Subregional Organization

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SCAG's DRAFT Preliminary Schedule for Development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS as of January 2013

This schedule provides a preliminary summary of development and phasing for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Both the technical framework and timeline for collaboration with regional stakeholders are presented in detail. It is important to note that as development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS solidifies, changes may be made to account for input from our governing bodies and our partner agencies.



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DATE: June 6, 2013

TO: Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

FROM: Simon Choi, Chief of Research and Forecasting, 213-236-1849, choi@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Department of Finance's (DOF) New Population Estimates and Implications for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy RTP/SCS Growth Forecast

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff will provide an overview of population trends using DOF's new population estimates released on May 1, 2013 and discuss the implications for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS growth forecast.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies; Objective c: Develop, maintain and enhance data and information to support planning and decision making in a timely and effective manner.

BACKGROUND:

On May 1, 2013, the Demographic Research Unit (DRU) of the DOF released the preliminary January 2013 and revised January 2012 population estimates for the state, counties, and cities. According to DOF estimates, SCAG's population grew by 137,000 residents in 2012, which represents a 0.75% growth rate. As of January 1, 2013, total population of the SCAG region is 18,387,000, which accounts for 48.4% of the total population of the State of California. During the same period, California's population grew by 298,000 new residents in 2012, a 0.79% growth rate, to total 37,966,000 as of January 1, 2013.

The SCAG region continues a slow growth pattern similar to the pattern of the 2000s, although it varies by county in the region. Los Angeles and Orange counties tend to reverse the lower growth rate of the 2000s with increases in growth rates, while Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Imperial counties in the SCAG region showed a slower growth pattern.

What does DOF's population estimate mean for SCAG's population projections? SCAG's 2012-2035 RTP/SCS forecasted a population increase of 159,000 persons during 7/1/2012-7/1/2013, which shows a 0.86% growth rate. SCAG's annual population growth from its recent projections is 22,000 higher than DOF's actual population growth estimates between 1/1/2012 - 1/1/2013. Hence, DOF's new population estimates show a "slower" growth than what SCAG had projected in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

The slower population growth might be partly due to the slower economic recovery and a resulting low migration level. If the slow growth pattern continues, SCAG might need to revisit the short-term economic/demographic assumptions (i.e., timing of economic recovery).

DOF's new population estimates also might have a potential implication for the spatial pattern of growth in the SCAG region for future years. The recent reversal of the population growth from the Inland Empire to Los Angeles and Orange counties might be a temporary phenomenon, but might be the beginning of a new metropolitan growth in the region.

The population growth of cities might also be driven by recent housing developments or annexations. The cities of Irvine and Imperial added a relatively large number of residents from recent housing developments. The City of Santa Clarita grew the fastest among the cities in the SCAG region due to several annexations. The cities of Lake Elsinore and Indio also grew fast due to additional housing units and annexations.

Additional highlights of the recent growth include a faster growth of housing units with more emphasis on multi-family housing units. While still at historically low levels, the SCAG region's housing growth, as measured by net unit growth in 2012, was up 49% over the last year, adding 19,956 new housing units compared to the 2011 net increase of 13,375 units. Single-family housing increased by 6,819 units and multi-family housing grew by 12,996 units during 2012 in the SCAG region. In 2011, single-family housing units increased by 6,143 units and multi-family housing increased by 7,062 units.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current Fiscal Year 2012-2013 under 055.SCG00133.05: Integrated Growth Forecasting Data Analysis & Development for 2016 RTP/SCS.

ATTACHMENT:

PowerPoint Presentation: California Department of Finance's New Population Estimates and the Implications for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Growth Forecast

Department of Finance's New Population Estimates and Implications for 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Growth Forecast

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*Community, Economic, & Human Development
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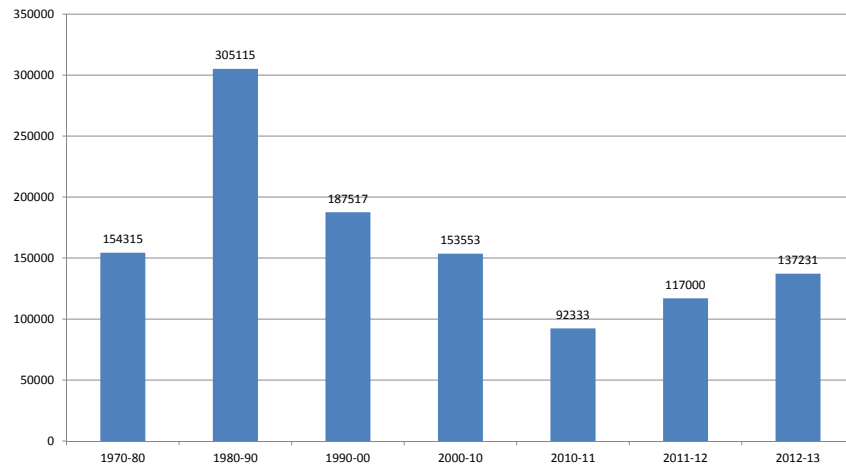
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Outline

- Major Findings from the Department of Finance's New Population Estimates
 - Temporal growth pattern (before/after 2000)
 - SCAG region's share of the State population
 - SCAG county's share of the Region's population (coastal counties vs. inland empire)
 - City's population growth: housing growth and annexations.
 - Housing growth (single vs. multiple)
- Implications for the SCAG's 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Growth Forecasts
 - What is a difference between DOF estimates and SCAG forecasts?
 - What would be major components of growth affecting recent population growth?
 - What does it mean for the SCAG's current growth forecasts?

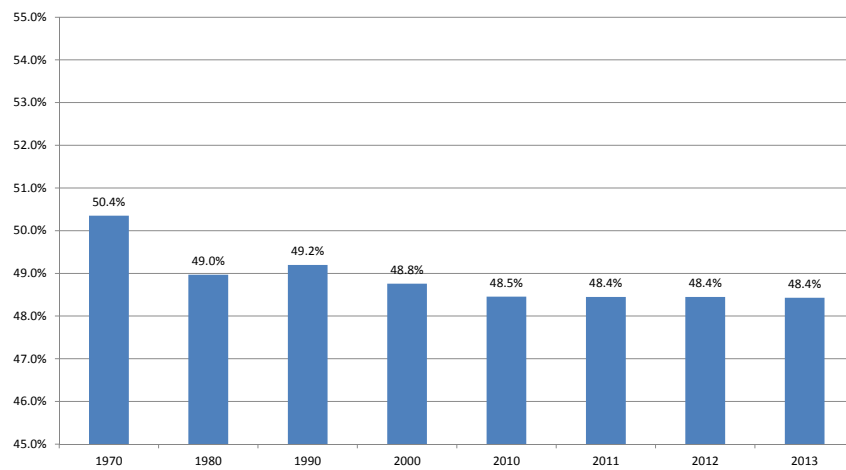
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SCAG Region Population Growth (Annual)



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SCAG Region's Share of the State Population



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SCAG County's Share of the Region's Population

County	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2011	2012	2013
Imperial	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Los Angeles	70%	65%	61%	58%	54%	54%	54%	54%
Orange	14%	17%	16%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%
Riverside	5%	6%	8%	9%	12%	12%	12%	12%
San Bernardino	7%	8%	10%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%
Ventura	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
SCAG	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

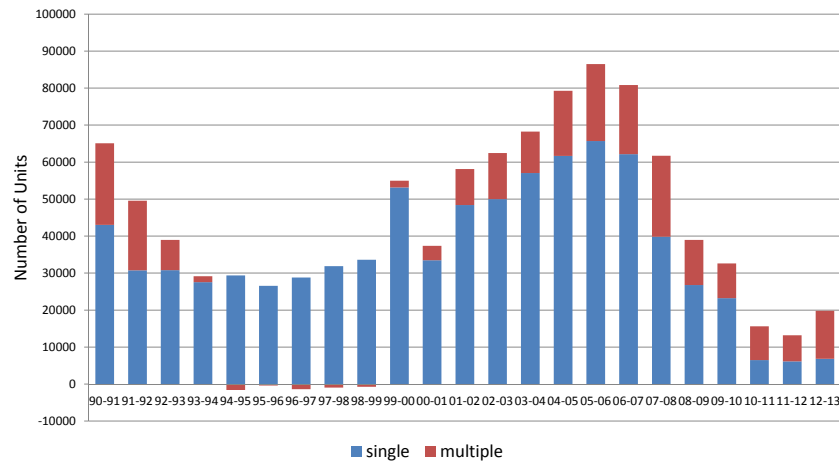
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City's Population Growth: Housing Growth and Annexations

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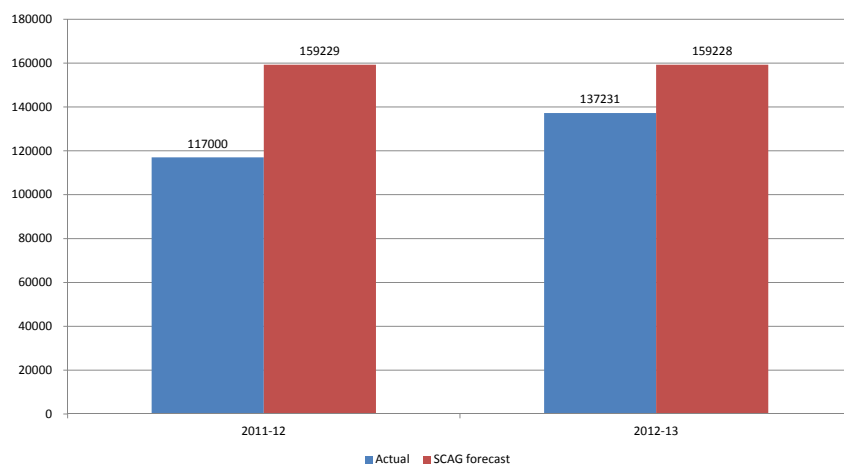
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Housing Growth



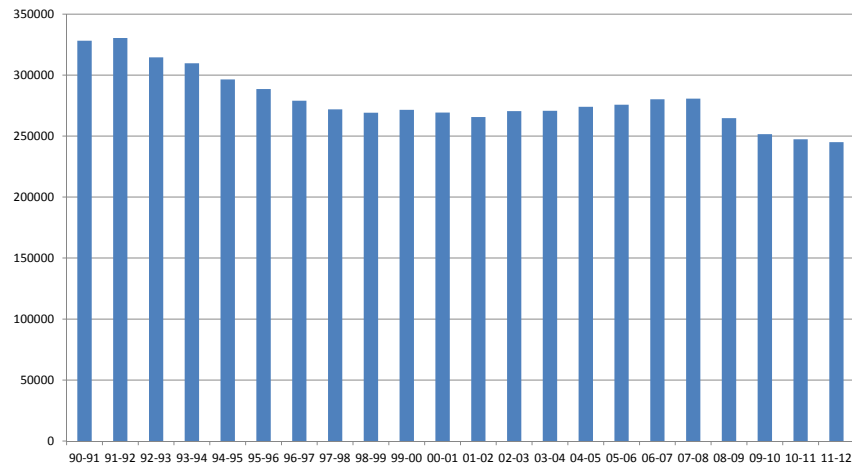
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SCAG Region Population Growth: Actual vs. Forecast



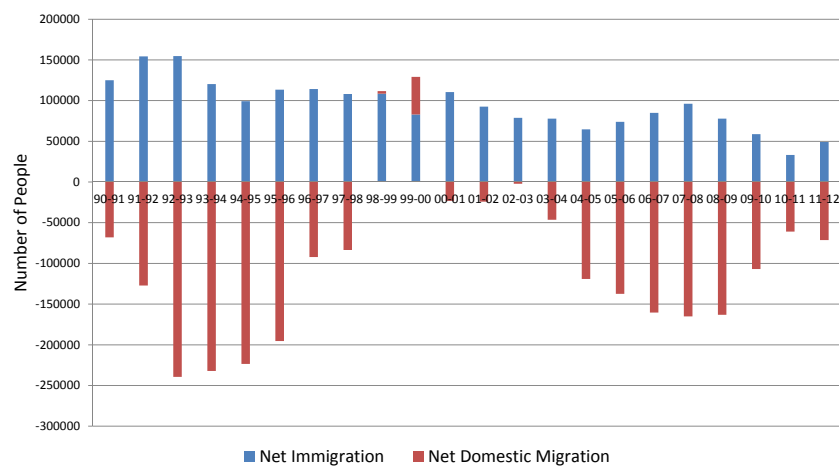
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Births



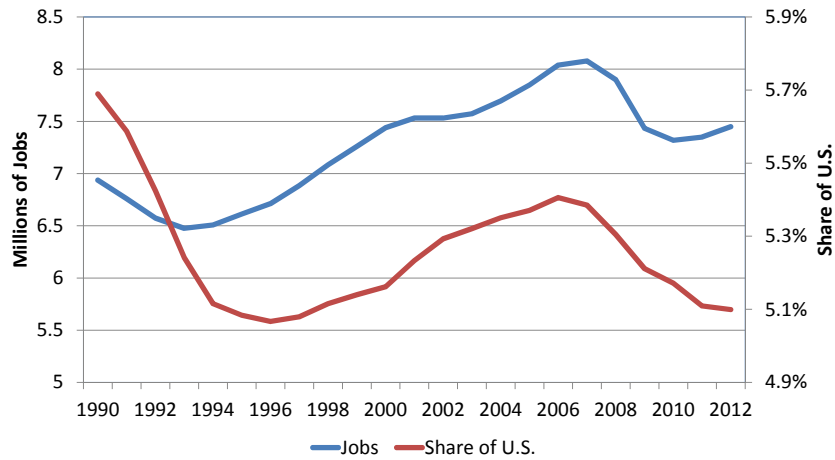
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Net Immigration and Net Domestic Migration



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The Region's Economic Recovery and Outlook



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Next Steps: 2013 Panel of Experts Meeting

- Twenty population and economic experts are invited to discuss the population and economic trends and outlook.
- Will be held at the SCAG headquarters office on June 27
- Will assess the existing demographic and economic assumptions for 2012-2035 RTP/SCS growth forecast.
- Will provide input on the updated assumptions for 2016-2040 RTP/SCS growth forecast

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DATE: June 6, 2013

TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

FROM: Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, 213-236-1838,
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SUBJECT: Sustainability Program Call For Proposals Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2013 Sustainability Program consolidated Call-for-Proposals was released on April 4, 2013, with an application deadline of May 31, 2013. The Sustainability Program builds on the success of the Compass Blueprint effort to provide services for communities and partners with two (2) new components: Active Transportation and the Green Region Initiative. A status update on the number of Applications received, and the total amount of requested assistance will be presented verbally to the EEC and CEHD Committees.

The next step is to evaluate and rank the applications based on the criteria approved by the Regional Council on April 4, 2013 and to present this to the Policy Committees and Regional Council on August 1, 2013.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies.

BACKGROUND:

The Sustainability Program consolidated Call-for-Proposals was released on April 4, 2013, with an application deadline of May 31, 2013. Staff will provide a verbal update on the number of project proposals received; the number of cities, counties and stakeholder organizations applying; and the total estimated value of requested assistance. A review committee is currently evaluating the proposals according to the selection criteria approved by the Regional Council and will rank the proposals for funding based on this evaluation. The ranked project list will be presented to the Policy Committees and Regional Council on August 1, 2013. A total funding of one million dollars is currently budgeted for this program and we anticipate additional funding will be made available during Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Work on top-ranked proposals will begin in late summer or fall of 2013 and continue for approximately 12 months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the selected proposals resulting from the Sustainability Program's Call for Proposals is proposed as part of the draft FY2013/2014 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget, which includes \$500,000 from a Strategic Growth Council grant awarded to SCAG. Funding of any work for FY2013-2014 is contingent upon approval of the OWP Budget and availability of funding. Staff's work for the current fiscal year is included in FY2012-2013 OWP 13-225.SCG01641E.01 and 13-065.SCG00137.01.

ATTACHMENT:

None

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DATE: June 6, 2013

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee

FROM: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1975, johnson@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) Program and the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Program from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

HCD is planning to release final Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the third round of the IIG and TOD Housing Programs. Each program has been appropriated \$25 million from Assembly Bill (AB) 1585 (Perez). The purpose of the IIG and TOD Housing Programs is to encourage the development of feasible infill housing in current market conditions. Applications will be scored based on a variety of factors, such as location and need, and will be due in June 2013 with funds to be awarded in September 2013, as determined by HCD.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, which among other things committed \$790 million for the IIG Program and the \$300 million TOD Housing Program. Over the succeeding years, the California Legislature appropriated these funds to HCD, and HCD awarded all of the funds available under both programs. For various reasons, some awardees returned their awards, making the funds again available for a new round of awards. In 2012 AB 1585 appropriated \$25 million to each program to enable a third round of NOFAs.

The primary objective of the IIG is to promote infill housing development by providing financial assistance for infrastructure improvements necessary to facilitate new infill housing development. While public agencies cannot be a sole applicant for the IIG, they may participate as a joint applicant with a non-profit or for profit developer. Under the program, grants are available as gap funding for infrastructure improvements necessary for specific residential or mixed-use infill development projects. Both infill projects and areas must have either been previously developed or be largely surrounded by development. Specific eligible improvements include: development or rehabilitation of parks or open space, water, sewer or other utility service improvements, streets, roads, parking structures, transit linkages, transit shelters, traffic mitigation features, sidewalks and streetscape improvements.

Similarly, the primary objectives of the TOD Housing Program are to increase the overall supply of housing, increase the supply of affordable housing, increase public transit ridership, and minimize automobile trips. However, unlike the IIG, this program seeks to accomplish these objectives by providing financial assistance for the development of housing and related infrastructure near public transit stations. Under the TOD Housing program, low-interest loans are available as gap financing for rental housing developments that include affordable units and as mortgage assistance for homeownership developments. In addition, grants are available to cities, counties, and transit agencies for infrastructure improvements necessary for the development of specified housing developments, or to facilitate connections between these developments and the transit station.

Funds for both programs will be allocated through a competitive process, based on the merits of the individual infill projects and areas. The application selection criteria include project readiness; housing affordability; housing density; proximity and access to transit; parks; employment centers; and being located within areas designated for transit oriented development in local or regional plans.

HCD posted proposed updates to the guidelines used for the previous rounds of funding in early April 2013. SCAG staff provided comments on the draft guidelines for round three funding related to geographic and population based distribution of funds and specified residential net densities (see attached).

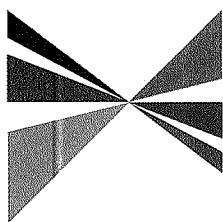
At the time of writing this report, HCD has not yet published the final NOFAs or related guidelines, but planned to do so in May 2013. The anticipated deadline for applications is June 2013 with funds to be awarded in September 2013, as determined by HCD. Staff will transmit more information when it becomes available and will send to all member jurisdictions

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT:

Letter from SCAG to HCD, dated April 24, 2013



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**SUBJECT: Notices of Funding Availability and Draft Guideline Changes - Infill
Infrastructure Grant and Transit-Oriented Development Housing Programs**

Dear Mr. Lee:

On behalf of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), thank you for providing the opportunity for SCAG stakeholders to apply for funding related to infill infrastructure and transit-oriented housing. SCAG appreciates HCD's leadership's releasing Round 3 Notices of Funding Availability ("NOFAs") for the Infill Infrastructure Grant ("IIG") Program and the Transit-Oriented Development ("TOD") Housing Program and allowing for public comment. SCAG also sincerely appreciates and commends HCD's demonstrated leadership to assist in infill development and TOD through Proposition 1C.

The SCAG Regional Council includes representatives from six counties (Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial), and 191 cities with over 18 million residents. Four million more residents are anticipated in our region by 2035 (mostly our children and grandchildren).

Over the past four years, the SCAG Regional Council adopted, without objection, the most collaborative, bottom-up regional planning process in our region's history to develop an ARB-approved 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) to best accommodate these four million additional residents. Stakeholders actively involved in the RTP/SCS process included local governments, housing advocates, county transportation commissions, transportation stakeholders, the building industry and other business interests, the environmental community, air districts, public health interests, and others.

The state's partnership is needed to successfully implement the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. In particular, there is an urgent need to secure funding sources for infill infrastructure and TOD housing, especially considering the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, and HCD's Round 3 IIG and TOD Housing NOFAs are part of the solution. In effect, these HCD programs are a further step along the continuum of state, regional, and local planning and implementation of these important projects.

SCAG respectfully requests that HCD consider the following comments relative to these NOFAs and the associated program guidelines (comments also provided via HCD spreadsheet comment form).

- The geographic distribution of funds for the IIG program includes targeting 45% for projects in Southern California, defined by HCD as Kern, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego or Imperial counties. However, this geographic area comprises approximately 61 percent of the state's population. SCAG recommends HCD reconsider the geographic distribution such that every region of the state receives a fair share of the funds, and suggests that fair share means the entirety of the funds be based on a region's share of population.
- Similarly, the geographic distribution objectives for the TOD Housing program may also lead to funding that is not distributed equitably relative to statewide population.
- To be eligible for the Infill Infrastructure Grant, the parcels to be developed must include certain specified average residential net densities. In developing the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, SCAG and our stakeholders have previously provided HCD with information to consider relative to revising these densities and suggest that this subject be revisited as part of the IIG and TOD Housing guidelines review. SCAG staff is available to further discuss in detail with HCD staff.

Again, I thank HCD for their leadership on the critical issues related to housing the diverse group of residents in our region as well as throughout the state. Together, we have a tremendous opportunity to help shape a livable and sustainable future through our RTP/SCS planning and HCD's housing program implementation. SCAG is eager to support your efforts and looks forward to working closely with HCD on IIG and TOD Housing funding as well as other related funding programs.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (213) 236-1944, or at Ikhrata@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Hasan Ikhrata
Executive Director

cc: SCAG Regional Council

DATE: June 6, 2013

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

FROM: Christine Fernandez, Senior Regional Planner, (213) 236-1923, fernande@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Input Received From County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) on their Open Space Conservation Activities

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), SCAG made a commitment to investigate further an open space conservation planning process. As a first step, SCAG staff surveyed the six (6) SCAG-region CTCs to explore the need for a region-wide open space conservation plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1 – Improve Regional Decision-Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective A: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, SCAG adopted a commitment to investigate further an open space conservation planning process. As a first step, SCAG staff surveyed the six CTCs to explore the need for a region-wide open space conservation plan that will provide a whole-system, ecosystem approach to mitigation when open space impacts occur from transportation projects.

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), and Ventura County Transportation Authority (VCTC) all responded to the questionnaire circulated in March 2013.

Each commission has their own approach to mitigation planning which ranges from the single planning approach where mitigation is developed on a project-by-project basis to a comprehensive habitat conservation plan to guide mitigation activities. Only two (2) of the CTCs have a sales tax measure that specifically sets aside funding to go towards open space mitigation activities. However, most of the commissions agree that there is a benefit to creating a regional repository of open space resource data and maps.

As part of the 2016 RTP/SCS development, open space resources must be considered during the planning process. Therefore, SCAG will engage with local jurisdictions as part of the local input process to update open space resource maps and identify areas that they consider important for open space conservation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This work is budgeted in FY 2012-2013 OWP under 12-020.SCG00161.04.

ATTACHMENT:

None